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Lebanon

Military Situation — U.S. warships bombarded and silenced "Syrian-socialist-Palestinian" artillery positions in 'Alayh and Upper al-Matn after the U.S. ambassador's residence in Al-Yarzi was hit by shellfire, a Lebanese military source announced late on 20 September in a statement reported by Beirut radio. The shells caused a fire in the courtyard, forcing U.S. personnel to vacate the building, the radio noted. Meanwhile, fighting erupted around Suq al-Gharb as the Lebanese Army repulsed another attack on its positions, according to a military source cited by the radio. In another development, the radio reported that the Syrians installed new artillery emplacements near Al-Batrun, where artillery shelled the Lebanese Air Force's new airport near Jubayl. An Army Command statement carried by the radio said Lebanese helicopters had destroyed four rocket launchers in Al-Batrun the previous day.

A group of U.S. Marines inspected Army positions at Suq al-Gharb on 20 September, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon reported citing a Marine spokesman.

Political Developments — Saudi envoy Prince Bandar ibn Sultan's mediation efforts have "collided with clear Syrian obstacles" which have caused the Lebanese Government to begin reconsidering its stands, although it will continue to seek a political solution through Saudi mediation, Beirut radio announced citing "informed sources." Although Lebanon has "approved" and made plans for a cease-fire, the sources said, Syria has vetoed the participation of Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan and Chamber of Deputies Speaker Kamil al-Asa'd in the proposed national dialogue, thereby submitting "impossible conditions" which Lebanon has rejected — as Syria knew in advance. However, Prince Bandar indicated earlier that he has not yet received a reply to his latest proposals from any side, telling journalists that he was returning to Saudi Arabia to consult with King Fahd and to await replies from President Amin al-Jumayyil, Syria, and the National Salvation Front (NSF). Radio Monte Carlo, quoting the prince's remarks, said his departure from Damascus had reduced optimism about a cease-fire. As intensive contacts involving the Lebanese Government, NSF leaders, Syria, the United States, and the Saudi mediators continued earlier, Beirut radio reported that differences in viewpoints were limited to "unimportant points."

Meanwhile, ANSA revealed that Lebanon has officially asked Italy and France to provide small troop contingents to supervise a possible cease-fire in the Ash-Shuf. In another development, Lebanon's UN ambassador announced that he has presented a draft resolution to the Security Council calling for an immediate cease-fire, Beirut radio noted.

Curfew Eased — An Army Command statement broadcast by Beirut radio announced that the curfew between Ash-Shuwayfat and Beirut's southern suburb has been lifted between 0800 and 1400 local time.

Israeli View — Senior Israeli officials are "extremely perturbed" at the possibility that Dayr al-Qamar and Suq al-Gharb may fall into hostile hands, thereby posing a direct threat to the IDF in Lebanon, *The Jerusalem Post* reported on 21 September. Nevertheless, Israel has rejected U.S. suggestions that it use air strikes against "terrorist" targets on the battlefronts near Beirut, *Hatzofe* disclosed earlier. Meanwhile, *Davar* said Israel is concerned about the increasing tension in Lebanon "in light of U.S. warnings on the one hand and the arrival of the Soviet deputy chief of staff in Damascus on the other."

Israel

President Hayim Herzog has asked Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir to form a new government, according to IDF radio. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Menahem Begin will return to work either 23 or 25 September, *Yedi'ot Aharonot* reported.

In another development, the Labor Party demanded the expulsion of Minister Without Portfolio Ari'el Sharon from the Cabinet for his continued criticism of the Kahan Commission report on the Sabra and Shatila massacres, Jerusalem radio said.

Saudi Arabia

King Fahd received Libyan Revolution Command Council member Major 'Abd as-Salam Jallud in Jidda to discuss bilateral relations as well as issues of mutual interest, SPA reported.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

Denouncing the French loan of five Super Etendard aircraft to Iraq, a Tehran radio commentary stressed that the Gulf must be secure for everyone. If the aircraft are used to endanger Gulf security and the Iranian economy, the closure of the Strait of Hormuz "will not be a difficult task." Echoing this sentiment, Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani told a Kerman rally that controlling the Strait would be "as easy for us as drinking a glass of water," Tehran radio reported.

Pakistan-DRA Dispute

The Pakistani Foreign Ministry again summoned the DRA charge d'affaires to protest further violations of Pakistan airspace 19 September by DRA MIGs, a Foreign Ministry official told a news conference in remarks reported by Karachi radio. Meanwhile, a BAKHTAR commentary broadcast by Kabul radio denounced the Pakistani accusations as "empty and slanderous" and termed them a cover-up for Pakistani interference in DRA internal affairs. The DRA charge d'affaires in Islamabad has been instructed to "completely reject" the accusation, the commentary added.

Afghanistan

Rebels armed with rockets and mortars destroyed two MIGs and three helicopters when they attacked the Mazar-e Sharif airport recently, according to Western diplomatic sources in Islamabad cited by SPA.

Meanwhile, reviewing rebel achievements against the Soviet-DRA forces, Tehran radio's Turkish service speculated that rebel operations may force the Soviet Union to replace the Karmal government with yet another "puppet regime."

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Pakistan's 'Propagandistic Claims' Denounced
LD201743 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1600 GMT 20 Sep 83

["Commentary by BAKHTAR information agency"]

[Text] International news media, quoting official authorities in Islamabad, reported that a few days ago aircraft belonging to the DRA Armed Forces crossed the Afghan border in the Parachinar region and bombed some areas beyond the country's southern borders, resulting in the loss of some lives.

The observations given to the Afghan official authorities are clearly at variance with the propagandistic claims put forward by the Islamabad authorities, which have been bombastically publicized by the imperialist mass media.

No matter what the facade of reports and statements put forward by the Islamabad militarist regime authorities may be, the reason they create all this hue and cry is clear. The Pakistan military regime has used this kind of empty and slanderous accusations against the DRA several times. Its aims are:

1. It tries to cover up the clear fact that Pakistan has been transformed into a springboard of imperialist aggression in its undeclared war against the DRA. And, that, against all international norms, Pakistan interferes in the internal affairs of independent and sovereign Afghanistan by training bandits, arming them, and then infiltrating them onto DRA soil to carry out subversion, terrorism, and arson.

2. History has shown that whenever a military regime has faced strong popular resistance from the people of Pakistan, to divert attention in Pakistan, and the world from the profound political, social, and economic crisis, the regime embarked upon such empty accusations and propaganda against its neighbors.

It is regrettable that the military authorities in Islamabad have not replied with good will to the constructive proposals of the DRA concerning the political solution of problems. On the contrary, they want to create more obstacles than ever before on the path of political settlement by resorting to such lies and accusations.

According to information received by BAKHTAR from the DRA relevant authorities, the DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in conformity with the relevent authorities of the country's Armed Forces, has instructed the Afghanistan charge d'affaires in Islamabad to completely reject this kind of illegitimate accusation and groundless fabrication.

By making such lies and accusations, the Pakistan military authorities cannot hide their repeated interference in DRA internal affairs, nor can they divert the attention of the people of Pakistan or of the world from the present situation in Pakistan.

Gol Aqa Returns From L'HUMANITE Celebrations
PM202157 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 20 Sep 83

[Text] Brigadier General Gol Aqa, member of the PDPA Central Committee and vice chairman of the Revolutionary Council Presidium, yesterday returned to Kabul after attending the ceremony marking the anniversary of *L'Humanite*, organ of the Central Committee of the French Communist Party [PCF].

Gen Gol Aqa visited Paris at the invitation of the PCF Central Committee to attend this ceremony.

On his way to France, he stayed for a short while in Prague and held talks with the vice chairman of the Czechoslovak Parliament on subjects of mutual interest.

SPA Cites Mujahidin Attack on Mazar-e Sharif Airport
LD202122 Riyadh SPA in English 1916 GMT 20 Sep 83

[Text] Islamabad, Sept 20, SPA — Two MIGs and three helicopters were destroyed by mujahideen armed with rockets and mortars when they attacked the airport at Mazar-e Sharif in Afghanistan's northern Balkn Province, Western diplomatic sources said here today.

The sources said nearly 150 mujahideen attacked the airport on September 24 and succeeded in destroying 20 Soviet trucks at an ammunition depot near the airport.

They added that the airport had been closed ever since September 15 and that high level Soviet and Afghan military officials were touring the area to assess the situation emanating from the mujahideen attack.

A convoy of Soviet fuel trucks, carrying aviation fuel, came under a severe mujahideen attack near the strategic Panjsher valley. They added that the mujahideen had succeeded in destroying more than twenty trucks and killing their drivers.

Senior Police Official Injured in Ludhiana
BK210856 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 21 Sep 83

[Text] In Ludhiana, the senior superintendent of police, Mr D.R. Bhatty, was seriously injured and his bodyguard was killed when some unidentified persons shot at them near the minisecretariat. One assailant was also killed when the police accompanying the police chief returned fire.

According to an official spokesman in Chandigarh, Mr Bhatty, who was immediately hospitalized, is now stated to be out of danger. The police all over the state has been alerted.

Experimental Telecommunications Satellite Abandoned
BK210147 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 20 Sep 83

[Text] India's experimental telecommunications satellite, "APPLE," has been abandoned. This followed complete depletion of the fuel of the geostationary communications satellite launched in 1981.

According to Indian Space Research Organization sources in Bangalore, the satellite lived for 3 months beyond its newly designed life of 2 years. The 670-kg "APPLE" was operated for nearly 6,000 hours and many communications experiments and demonstrations were carried out. It may be recalled that the first satellite press conference was conducted through APPLE a month ago.

Briefs

Wheat From Argentina — India is to import another 650,000 tons of wheat from Argentina. Contracts for this purpose have been signed between the two countries. This will bring the total imports of wheat contracted so far to 2.13 million tons. This includes the import of 500,000 tons of wheat from Canada and over 900,000 tons from the United States. An official press release in New Delhi on 16 September says the shipment of wheat from the three countries will begin next month and is scheduled to be completed by March next year. [Text] [Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 16 Sep 83 BK]

Atomic Energy Working Groups — The planning commission has constituted two working groups on matters concerning atomic energy. The first group will review and assess the progress made during the current plan period in the field of research and development. It will recommend the policy framework for the seventh plan. The other group will study the progress in the development in commercial production of industrial products and minerals. [Text] [Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 19 Sep 83 BK]

Statement Issued 20 September on Afghan Violations

BK201638 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 20 Sep 83

[Text] Afghan aircraft violated Pakistan's airspace 10 times in the last 2 days, thus there have been 23 violations since the first of last month. Giving details of these violations, the foreign secretary told a press conference in Islamabad this evening that the gravest incident in this connection took place on Sunday — the morning of 'Id al-Adha [18 September]. He said it has now been confirmed that on this day six MiG aircraft violated Pakistan's airspace in the Parachinar region and dropped nine bombs injuring six persons. On the same day, three more violations of our airspace took place, one of which was in the Parachinar region, another at the Balluchistan frontier, and the third in Landi Kotal. The next day, yesterday [19 September] six more violations of Pakistan's airspace took place.

The foreign secretary said Pakistan has very seriously noted these recent violations of its territory from Afghanistan. Earlier, Pakistan protested to the Afghan charge d'affaires over the violations that took place before the 17th of this month. The Afghan charge d'affaires in Islamabad again was summoned to the Foreign Office in Islamabad this afternoon and a serious protest was lodged with him over the nine [as heard] additional violations of Pakistan's airspace on Sunday and Monday by the Afghan aircraft. The Afghan charge d'affaires was informed about the details of the violations of Pakistan's airspace and was asked to convey Pakistan's protest to the Kabul authorities, asking them to desist from any such future provocative acts.

The foreign secretary said Pakistan had also circulated details of earlier violations to the United Nations and these latest violations are being brought to the attention of the UN secretary general. He said Pakistan's defense forces are always fully alert to take effective and appropriate retaliatory measures and during these recent violations also our aircraft reached these regions instantaneously, but in line with our policy of patience and restraint we did not order our aircraft to take action against the aircraft violating our airspace.

Answering a question, the foreign secretary said the nature of violations during the last few days prove that these were carried out deliberately. It was the first time that such a large number of aircraft penetrated Pakistan's territory and not only entered very deep into Pakistan but stayed much longer than on earlier occasions. On Sunday, it was the first time that the aircraft also dropped bombs in the areas instead of just strafing. They penetrated 25 to 30 nautical miles into Pakistani territory.

The foreign secretary said Pakistan has apprised the Afghan charge d'affaires in Islamabad about the dangers that could result from such incidents and he has been warned that repetition of such incidents could lead to serious consequences for which blame would rest entirely on the Kabul regime. He said Pakistan still feels that Kabul will realize its responsibility and will desist from embarking upon such violations of Pakistani land and air.

The foreign secretary said Pakistan has consistently worked for a political solution to the Afghanistan problem and cooperated fully with the personal representative of the UN secretary general in his effort to find such a solution. Diplomatic contacts in this connection have also taken place between Pakistan and the Soviet Union. Pakistan's foreign minister discussed this matter with his Soviet counterpart Gromyko during his visit to Moscow last June when they agreed efforts toward a political settlement of this problem should continue. He said Pakistan discussed the recent intensification of violations of its airspace with the Soviet charge d'affaires in Islamabad and pointed out that such incidents are not conducive to progress in search of a peaceful political solution to the Afghanistan problem.

Answering a question, the foreign secretary said that the personal representative of the UN secretary general is still engaged in efforts to find a peaceful solution to this problem. Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, who is now in New York in connection with the UN General Assembly session, is scheduled to meet with the UN secretary general in a day or two. He said Mr Cordovez had postponed his visit to the region because the foreign minister of the Karmal administration, Shah Mohammad Dost, was not present in his country. Considering the situation, Pakistan proposed to Mr Cordovez and the UN secretary general that further indirect talks be held in New York at a time when all representatives taking part in negotiations will be present in connection with the UN General Assembly session.

Foreign Secretary Comments on UNGA Session Issues

BK210643 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 21 Sep 83

[Text] Pakistan will table a resolution stressing the immediate withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan and a political settlement of the issue at 38th UN General Assembly session, which opened last night. This was stated by Foreign Secretary Niaz A. Naik at a news conference in Islamabad yesterday. He said that from Pakistan's point of view, the Afghanistan issue will head the most important issues on the agenda of the current general assembly session. He said the foreign minister, who has already arrived in New York along with the Pakistani delegation, will meet various foreign ministers and delegation leaders and exchange views with them on the Afghanistan situation. The foreign secretary said Pakistan will also apprise the General Assembly session of the economic and social burden and difficulties borne by Pakistan due to the nearly 3 million Afghan refugees.

Pakistan will support any resolution presented by the Arab and nonaligned countries, calling for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from all occupied Arab lands, including Jerusalem. On the Iran-Iraq war, Pakistan will apprise the United Nations of its efforts to assist in ending the dispute as an individual country and as a member of the Islamic Conference Peace Committee. On arms limitation, Pakistan's desire and effort will be to secure a guarantee that any agreement in this regard will be complete and binding for all. Pakistan will present a resolution again to make South Asia a nuclear-free zone and to secure an effective guarantee of safety from nuclear attack for nonnuclear countries. It will also support solid steps aimed at reducing the threat of the race to acquire nuclear weapons.

Pakistan will support any effort or proposal to end the present deadlock in initiating effective North-South dialogue on the international economic situation. In reply to a question, the foreign secretary said President General Mohammad Ziaul Haq will not go to New York to attend the UN General Assembly session because it is known now that the industrialized countries' response to the proposal for an informal summit is not positive and sympathetic.

The foreign secretary said that the 22-member delegation attending the General Assembly session includes members of the Advisory Council from all four provinces and senior officials of the Foreign Ministry.

Yaqub Khan Holds Talks With Perez de Cuellar

BK210352 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 21 Sep 83

[Text] Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan exchanged views with UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar in New York yesterday on issues, including Afghanistan, being considered by the General Assembly. A UN spokesman said later that the two leaders agreed to maintain contact.

Pakistani sources say that the foreign minister expressed satisfaction over the progress of the Geneva negotiations during his talks with the UN secretary general. The foreign minister and the secretary general will continue consultations for further progress in this regard. Sahabzada Yaqub Khan also commended the secretary general's annual report at the UN General Assembly and said that the report presented a real and lucid assessment of the international situation and reflected the secretary general's determination to solve international problems.

Later, the foreign minister will proceed to Washington, where he will meet the American leaders.

Punjab Moves To Forestall Election Violence

BK210405 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 21 Sep 83

[Text] The Punjab Government has imposed immediate restrictions on carrying firearms in the province in order to hold local bodies elections in a peaceful and cordial atmosphere and to maintain law and order. This was decided at a high-level meeting in Lahore yesterday, at which security arrangements during the elections were finalized. It was also decided that violations of the law will not be permitted and appropriate measures will be taken under which the patrol teams of magistrates will be able to punish violators on the spot. The patrol teams, which will be headed by magistrates, are being authorized to make decisions in a summary hearing on crimes which are under the purview of local laws.

The Punjab Government has amended the provincial local council elections act of 1979 under which presiding officers may ask a voter to show his identity card when he comes to vote at a polling station.

NAWA-E WAQT Praises Zia Openness to Negotiation

GF201330 Karachi Nawa-e Waqt in Urdu 13 Sep 83 p 3

[Editorial from International Edition: "Please Make Delegation to Power Possible"]

[Excerpts] A month has elapsed since our president presented his proposed political framework to the country and, similarly, it has been almost a month since the MRD initiated its campaign in the name of democracy. The situation is before our eyes whether their campaign has been peaceful or violent. During this period, railroad stations have been set on fire, police posts have been attacked, jails have been broken into, and trucks belonging to the National Logistic Cell have been set on fire. In one clash, there was loss of human life and, in another, some policemen sacrificed their lives for the maintenance of law and order.

Now the respected president has returned to Islamabad from his 4-day tour of Sind Province and his opinions as aired on the radio and television and at press conferences indicate that he is satisfied with the situation in Sind Province. Only he knows what the basis of his satisfaction is. We hope that it is based on reality. There are still a few aspects which are a source of assurance for the people: firstly, that the political framework presented by the president is not the last word as far as he is concerned and the door is open for further suggestions which can be considered. The president has not closed the door on further negotiations and has, in fact, insisted that the civilized way to resolve differences is through negotiations.

We have repeatedly said in these columns that the political framework he has placed before the country has been left incomplete and even a little ambiguous, perhaps with the intent of filling in the colors of the sketch after discussions with political leaders. However, due to the campaign of violence initiated by the MRD this could not materialize. It is heartening to note that the president does not approve of the attitude of violence which the MRD has adopted and feels that issues can only be resolved through cordial negotiations.

NEPAL

Armed Clash Erupts Over 'Disputed Territory'

BK211043 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 21 Sep 83

[Text] According to agency messages, three Indian policemen and one Nepalese national were killed in an armed clash over the disputed Nepalese territory of (Sushta) last Thursday.

The Nepalese Home Ministry confirmed the incident, but said it had no details about the deaths or how the firing started.

The foreign agencies said the Indian police crossed over into (Sushta) from Uttar Pradesh and tried to prevent farmers going about their work in the fields. They were driven off, but returned with reinforcements and began shooting at the farmers, who returned the fire.

SRI LANKA

AFP: Press Censorship Ends 17 September

BK170636 Hong Kong AFP in English 0616 GMT 17 Sep 83

[Text] Colombo, Sept. 17 (AFP) — The two-month-old press censorship imposed under emergency rule even before racial riots erupted in late July ends today, official sources said, after the lifting of the curfew yesterday. "When the regulation lapses today it will not be renewed," secretary to the State Ministry and a competent censorship authority said today.

Censorship was first introduced in mid-July when disturbances broke out in several universities following the suspension of several students from Sri Lanka's premier university near Kandy for offences against staff members. The government then extended it to cover northern Tamil terrorist activities and the movement of security forces.

Howver when racial riots between the majority Sinhalese and minority Tamil communities erupted on July 25 and resulting [as received] in over 370 deaths, the government imposed stringent censorship on local newspapers as well as foreign correspondents.

Earlier this month the censorship was relaxed and local editors and foreign correspondents were asked to use their discretion in reporting news concerning ethnic relations, terrorist activity and armed services movements.

The curfew, which was also imposed on July 25 and gradually relaxed, was totally lifted with effect from yesterday.

Khomeyni Addresses Iraqi Supreme Assembly Members

LD201403 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 20 Sep 83

[Excerpts] Members of the Supreme Assembly of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq were received this morning by Imam Khomeyni, great leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

During the audience, Hojjat ol-Eslam Seyyed Bakr al-Hakim, spokesman of the Supreme Assembly of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq, gave a detailed report on the assembly's work and plans and introduced the members of the assembly to the imam of the nation. The imam of the nation later made the following speech.

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. I thank you for coming here so that we can discuss matters first hand. What you yourselves already know, but which should still be pointed out, is that the Supreme Assembly of the Iraqi mujahidin should strive to do everything for the sake of God and to strictly observe religious and Islamic precepts.

You should take care that even privately and in your seclusion you are not overcome by your selfish desires. In other words, you should not be thinking in terms of triumphing over something in order to rule. Rather, you should aim to form an Islamic government and to implement God's commandments.

I hope you will be able to be successful in your efforts to bring about Iraq's freedom and independence. You should try to liberate Iraq from the yoke of tyrants. Just as His Holiness Moses rose against Pharaoh, intending to establish what was true in complete disinterest to his own rule, you, too, should have in your hearts the task of making the assembly a divine forum, for if differences emerge in your assembly you will all be destroyed. If you are united, you will all be successful, for it is for the sake of God that you want to uproot this injustice.

God willing, you will all be successful. This will be achieved when there is no anxiety among you gentlemen. The secret of Iran's success lay in the fact that there was unity among all the people and that no one ever thought in terms of advancing himself. You should be united — something which, praise be to God, already exists. When you have unity among those in the lead there will be no differences among the lower ranks.

You have neither a great many people nor any substantial war equipment at your disposal. Then there is your opponent, who enjoys aid from all over the world. Under such circumstances, the one who lacks everything must make use of spiritual means, for one cannot do that through ephemeral things. You know quite well that the former shah enjoyed considerable means, with America flooding Iran with equipment and weapons, for it wanted Iran as its base. The shah had everything: the support of all superpowers and an organized army which was armed to the teeth. On the other hand, the Iranian people had nothing. It all started from the Feyziyeh school. Once the people realized there was no conflict, they got together and, relying on the power of faith, triumphed.

Today Iran enjoys a divine situation. When our young make such self-sacrifices in the warfronts; when they come to see me, I envy their sublime spirit and sincerity. If this situation is repeated elsewhere, it will bring about victory; if this fact occurs anywhere, it will bring about victory; if this fact occurs anywhere, it will bring in its wake God's blessing. Once there is God's blessing, then victory is inevitable. May God reform us so that we may be able to serve. The powers assume that they are able to maintain their puppets in powers. The same thing applied to the former regime. America, the USSR, France, and other powers tried to keep the shah in power. A group, to this end, came to France, asking to let the shah remain and reign, rather than rule. But, it was not to be. He left. Now all the powers want to keep Saddam in power. But it cannot be.

You must try to further reawaken the Iraqi nation. I hope that the Iraqi people will think and consider the situation in Iran. God willing, you will be successful in your efforts to be a mujahid along the path of God. God willing, you will return to Iraq, where we too will join you in the shrine of Imam Husayn, peace be upon him. God bless you all.

IRNA: Iraqi Mujahidin Denounce France on Aircraft

GF181648 Tehran IRNA in English 1612 GMT 18 Sep 83

[Text] Paris, Sept 18 IRNA — The Iraqi mujahidin organisation, in a statement today, severely denounced France's decison on the delivery of Super Etendard aircraft to Saddam's regime.

In the statement which was given to embassies of Islamic countries here and the French mass media, the organisation stressed that such aircraft would have no effect on the destiny of the war. It also clarified that with regards to the overt and ever-increasing interference of France in the Iraqi imposed war upon Iran, Saddam's downfall would consequently affect France and the French nation would retaliate for the Zionist policies of Mitterrand. Such foolish policies would increase the hatred of the oppressed people of the region for France.

The statement continued that the Iraqi nation had no way but to continue its campaign against the criminal regime of Saddam. The Iraqi nation, said the statement, was the victim of French policy's support for the Iraqi regime adding that supporting Saddam's regime was as confirming the massacre of all the innocent people and the Iraqi cambatants.

IRNA Cites Iraqi Muslims' Call Against Saddam Husayn

LD201244 Tehran IRNA in English 1040 GMT 20 Sep 83

[Text] Tehran, Sept 20. IRNA — The three-year Iraqi imposed war against Iran not only disrupted calculations of imperialists but also proved the power of the Islamic revolution in facing with the aggressors, said a statement by the Supreme Assembly of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq (SAIRI) here Monday. The statement was released on the occasion of the War Week, to be started Sept. 22.

It stressed that the war further revealed subserviency of the Iraqi regime to imperialist powers and their lackeys in the region. U.S. economic assistance, delivery of Soviet missiles, and financial aid of reactionary regimes in the region were among foreign aids supplied for the Iraqi regime, the statement added.

Such assistance to the Baghdad government, the statement noted, was a manifestation of the fact that it was a war of international imperialism against Islam and the Islamic revolution, as well as Muslim ummah, especially the Iraqis.

The war had entrapped legitimate rights of the Iraqi people and had damaged its economy, thus facing the country with an ailing economic, political and spiritual situation, the statement read.

The lackey Iraqi regime had not sufficed this [as received] and had recently embarked on another measure to collect people's property and personal belongings, the statement said.

Therefore, it added, there was only one solution before Muslim people of Iraqi and that was to fulfill their religious duty in resisting the criminal Ba'thist regime of Iraq.

The statement stressed that the fourth year would be a year of freedom and liberation of Iraq since with the liberation of Hajj 'Umran region by the Islamic combatants, a way had been opened towards Iraq.

It called on all Iraqis, either inside or outside of Iraq, to express their feelings either through issuing announcements, by staging demonstrations, armed activities or general strikes to overthrow Saddam Husayn's regime and establish an Islamic rule in that tyrannised country.

Meanwhile, the SAIRI in a separate statement issued here today called on all Iraqis in Iran to take part in a mass march to be held Sept. 25, in Tehran.

The statement further urged the Iraqis throughout the world to pledge their solidarity with the shackled people of Iraq, by holding demonstrations and marches during the War Week, to start next Thursday.

Velayati Terms Victory Over Iraq 'Imminent, Decisive'

LD201203 Tehran IRNA in English 1021 GMT 20 Sep 83

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 20 IRNA — Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati said that the Islamic Republic's victory in the Iraqi imposed war was imminent and decisive thus entailing the downfall of Saddam Husayn and establishment of an Islamic rule in Iraq.

Speaking on the occasion of the war week, to be started on Sept. 22, the foreign minister noted that Iran's contacts with other countries, especially the Third World, had been of a great help in further revealing the nature of the Iraqi ruling government and the conspiracies of the superpowers in hatching the imposed war on the Islamic Republic.

He added that in spite of the shortage of sophisticated weaponry, Iranian combatants proved to the world that by reliance on God and on one's self, every obstacle created by the oppressors in the way of the oppressed, could be overcome.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani Arrives in Kerman 18 September

GF190530 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 19 Sep 83

[Text] Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani, along with the state ministers of roads and transport, health, and several officials from other ministries, arrived in Kerman yesterday evening and were received by Hojjat ol-Eslam Ja'fari, the imam's representative and Friday Imam of Kerman; the governor; several clerics; local commanders of military garrisons; administrative officials; and dignatories.

Says 'Controlling Hormuz Easy'

LD201753 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 20 Sep 83

[Excerpts] According to the report of the Central News Unit, this afternoon, on the last day of his visit to Kerman Province, Hashemi-Rafsanjani, speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly, made a speech at a gathering of the Muslim people of Kerman in Shahid Salimi Zia'i stadium. Referring to the vast amounts of military assistance France, America, and the Soviet Union are giving to the Ba'thist-Zionist regime of Saddam, Hashemi-Rafsanjani said: If, in its support for Saddam, the world of arrogance wishes to harm our interests, then cutting off their jugular vein and controlling Hormuz Strait would be as easy for us as drinking a glass of water.

Returns to Tehran 20 September

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[Text] According to our correspondent, Hashemi-Rafsanjani, Majlis speaker and the imam's representative on the Supreme Defense Council, returned to Tehran from Kerman last night. The Majlis speaker in his 6-day tour of the Sistan va Baluchestan, Hormozgan,and Kerman Provinces closely viewed the issues of the people of these provinces. He discussed the results of his trip in an interview with our correspondents after his return. The interview will be carried in later newscasts.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,466

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[Communique No 1,466 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The situation on the fronts of the imposed war is brought to the attention of the beloved compatriots:

Sporadic exchanges of artillery and heavy weapons fire continued yesterday between the powerful forces of Islam and the Iraqi Ba'thist mercenaries on the operational fronts of Piranshahr, Hajj 'Umran, Sar Dasht, and Baneh and losses and casualties were inflicted on the Iraqi forces. The firing of the victors of Islam on the enemy's infantry and armored units stopped their movements.

On the Marivan front, the artillery fire of the combatants of Islam destroyed a number of the enemies' slit trenches and foxholes, together with their crews, and the movements of the Saddamist forces were stopped. The enemy's losses include the destruction of two construction vehicles and one tanker.

Fire was exchanged periodically between our forces and the enemy on the Bakhtaran border fronts. As a result of our combatants' fire, a number of equipment trenches and observation posts and one mortar launcher of the Iraqi forces were completely destroyed and about 10 of the Saddamist forces of blasphemy were killed or wounded; a considerable number of enemy vehicles were also damaged.

On the southern operational fronts, the victorious combatants of Islam continued to consolidate their defense positions and to defend the positions and guarded zones concerned. By opening artillery and heavy weapons fire and dispatching patrol groups, they brought the movements and activities of the enemy under control. Silencing the Iraqi forces' fire, they inflicted losses and casualties on the enemy. On the Abadan and Khuninshar fronts, the heroes of the Gendarmerie and Navy returned the Iraqi forces' fire and managed to kill a number of the Iraqi Ba'thist mercenaries and to destroy five of their machinegun emplacements. By setting fire to enemy positions, the heroes of the Gendarmerie inflicted losses and casualties on the Iraqi Ba'thist mercenaries.

The city of Abadan yesterday came under the sporadic fire of the Saddamist criminals. As a result, two houses and a section of the city's palm groves were damaged.

In the past 24 hours, all air raid attempts by the Iraqi aircraft on the borders of our Islamic homeland were repulsed and foiled by the air defense units.

[Signed] Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

IRNA: Concentration Site in Southern Iraq Hit

GF201750 Tehran IRNA in English 1715 GMT 20 Sep 83

[Text] Ahvaz, Sept. 20, IRNA — An Iraqi 120-mm mortar launcher and a part of the Iraqi forces concentration site in the Sibah region, southern Iraq, were destroyed when the Islamic forces stationed in the Abadan fronts, south Iran, opened fire on the operational region of the Ba'thist forces during the past 24 hours.

Also a part of the Sirah region was set ablaze and the enemy operations and fire on the residential units of the city of Abadan were silenced by the Islamic forces, during the same period.

Reportage on Irish Agriculture Minister's Visit

14 September Arrival

LD141107 Tehran IRNA in English 0936 GMT 14 Sep 83

[Text] Tehran, Sept 14 IRNA — Irish Minister of Agriculture Austin Deasey arrived here Wednesday morning and was welcomed by Seyyed Hoseyn Tabataba'i in charge of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Austin Deasy referring to friendly ties between the Islamic Republic and Republic of Ireland said that [word indistinct] exchange between two countries during the past few years improved. He said Ireland, at present, exports livestock products to Iran and intended to expand ties in other areas including technical field.

Tabataba'i said the visit would be useful for the expansion of two countries' relations.

Irish minister arrived here at an official invitation to discuss ways and means for expansion of mutual ties in economic and political fields.

During his two-day stay Austin Deasey is scheduled to meet a number of Iranian officials and also will visit the Tehran 9th international trade fair.

Meeting With Ministry Officials

LD151121 Tehran IRNA in English 1000 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 15 IRNA — The visiting Irish minister of agriculture Austin Deasey with other members of his delegation met and conferred with Iranian officials from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Seyyed Tabataba'i, in charge of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, said despite problems such as economic sanctions and war Iran was able to increases its agricultural products. He said that per hectare production of rice increased from 2.5 tons to 5 tons. Tabatab'ai said that Iran was ready to [word indistinct] political and economic ties with Ireland.

Irish Minister Deasey announced his country's readiness for mutual cooperation in various fields.

Session With Commerce Minister

LD151251 Tehran IRNA in English 1029 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Text] Tehran Sept 15, IRNA — The visiting agriculture minister of Ireland, Austin Deasey, and his accompanying delegation met and conferred with minister of commerce, [words indistinct], here today.

During the meeting, the Iranian minister of commerce, while explaining neither East nor West policy of Iran said (?that) both countries shared similar (?principle), namely reliance on religion and God, which brought two nations closer to one another.

He further pointed out that the Islamic Republic of Iran was interested in strengthening of relations with those countries which respected (?policies) of Iran.

The Irish agriculture minister also stressed the need for development of relations between the two countries and added that both Iran and Ireland shared similar views and that both wanted to be independent. He also expressed interest of his country for trade relations with Iran. The Iranian minister of commerce also expressed willingness of the Islamic Republic of Iran for cooperation with Ireland.

The Irish agriculture minister arrived in Tehran Wednesday and has so far met with various Iranian officials.

16 September Departure

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[Text] Austin Deasey, agriculture minister of the Irish Republic, who visited Iran at the head of a delegation, left Tehran this morning after 2 days of meetings and talks with economic officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran. In an interview with newsmen on leaving Tehran he thanked the Iranian Government and nation for their warm hospitality:

During my stay in Iran, I held talks with economic officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran. We will carry out the necessary study on these talks on my return to Ireland.

He expressed the hope that, in addition to the commodities already exported by Ireland to Iran, Ireland would be able to export other agricultural and industrial products to Iran and that there will be further cooperation between the two countries.

According to this report, in an interview with IRNA, Tabataba'i,the supervisor of our country's Ministry of Agriculture and Urban Development, explained the outcome of the visit made by the south Irish delegation to Iran, saying: This delegation's visit was made with the aim of expanding economic and political relations between the two countries. In our talks with this delegation, more discussions were held on animal husbandry research. He hoped that there would be exchanges between the two countries in animal husbandry research in the future. He added: Talks were also held on the export of some nonoil commodities such as cotton, saffron, and raisins. It was agreed that we export these commodities to southern Ireland, which is a producer of meat and milk. This will meet some of our shortages in this field. In this connection, a memorandum of understanding between the two countries was signed.

Letter of Understanding

LD162349 Tehran IRNA in English 1922 GMT 16 Sep 83

[Text] Tehran, Sept 16, (IRNA) — A letter of understanding was signed here Thursday in technical, research and agricultural fields between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Ireland.

Iran's director of the Ministry of Agriculture, Hassan Tabataba'i, and Ireland's minister of agriculture, Austin Deasey, who is visiting here signed the note.

In the note the two parties expressed willingness for solving possible problems and paving the way for expanding mutual economic cooperation.

The two sides have also stressed on the need for cooperation between the two countries in the field of agricutural research.

The Irish agricultural minister held talks with minister of commerce and a number of other high ranking officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran during his two-day visit here.

Foreign Minister Cables Indian Counterpart

GF171756 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1430 GMT 17 Sep 83

[Text] Iranian foreign minister Brother 'Ali Akbar Velayati sent a cable to the Indian foreign minister on his way to Tehran at the conclusion of his official visit to the People's Republic of China and Bangladesh.

In his cable, Brother Velayati wished success and happiness for both the Indian and Iranian peoples. He stressed the necessity of continuing to struggle against international oppression and achieving the objectives of the oppressed peoples of the world.

District Guards Commander on Tudeh Arrests, War

GF181701 Tehran Jomhuri-ye Eslami 6 Sep 83 p 4

[Interview with 'Abdol Vahab, commander of District No 3 Guards Corps of Gilan and Mazandaran by IRNA correspondent in Qa'emshahr — date not given]

[Excerpts] [Correspondent] What measures have been taken to strengthen Karbala' Battalion No 25 and what plans do you have for it in the future?

['Abdol Vahab] Regarding this matter, I think I should first explain that the presence of all the hezbollahi forces of the north at the warfronts is not based on the Karbala' forces. We have forces in Marivan equal to the forces of Karbala'and, by the grace of God, two battalions of the north participated in the Val-Fajr III operations. With their epic-making performance of breaking up the enemy ranks in the north, they are now doing the same against the internal and external counterrevolutionaries and to reinforce the Karbala'forces their basic axis is the constant presence of experienced combatants in this battalion. Another pivotal point is the greater presence of the brother guards in our battalion; this is considered, firstly,as a lateral presence and, secondly, serves as a source of strength for the organization of the people's forces.

[Correspondent] How many people have been dispatched to the fronts of right versus wrong from the north?

['Abdol Vahab] Since the beginning of the imposed war, more than 100,000 people have been dispatched to the fronts from the north and at present about 10,000 people from the north are present at the western fronts.

[Correspondent] What are the Corps' plans for the future regarding the mobilization and the 20-million strong army?

['Abdol Vahab] The Islamic Revolution guards brothers have decided on a plan called the "plan of ranks," under which all those brothers who have been to the fronts and who have participated in operations will be categorized accordingly and,God willing, will be summoned for future purposes under an organized program. If they require further training, they will be given a complete training course.

In view of the specialization that they may have gained in the operations, they will, God willing, be utilized to the optimum. We will begin this plan from next week and I hope those forces who have participated on the fronts will give us the necessary cooperation. The Corps will be ready to serve them. The very presence of these reinforced forces of the Corps in the resistance groups and in the resistance forces in the bases and the environs for which we have plans at the regional level will, God willing, have beneficial effects on the hezbollahi nation in the future.

[Correspondent] Could you please tell us the modus operandi for the arrest of the members of the defunct Tudeh Party in the north?

['Abdol Vahab] Fifty percent of all the cadres of the traitorous Tudeh Party came from the north. We were able to arrest 70 percent of these by the grace of God in our first crackdown, that is, we arrested 500 of them and their names and particulars will be announced later.

[Correspondent] What measures have been taken to disband the installations of the militant and "jangal" minigroups and what plans do you have for purging the forests?

['Abdol Vahab] The hezbollahi people of the north are themselves witnesses to the fact that there is no disturbance in the forests and there is no place where they can cause any trouble. In the past, there were incidents of killing, but since then they have become aware that they have no place in the hearts of the people. They used to try to create terror by killing a hezbollahi shepherd or butcher. However, they only betrayed their own inhuman nature by such acts and they may have done a service to their mentors and that great hypocrite who is gloating in Paris and is increasingly serving the imperialists.

Anyway, the killing of a hezbollahi shepherd is not something which shows that there are disturbances in the forest. As the hypocrites are intrinsically mercenary selfsold people, they also publish a series of slanderous reports to please their overlords so that they may fleece them for more dollars for their defunct organization and for their stay in Paris.

Similarly, as they confessed themselves, they had a program for the remuneration of their cadres. Naturally, they want to fill their bellies in this manner and the only way they can do this is by disseminating false reports. We want to inform those elements who are being deceived by these minigroups to come forward and think for themselves. They should not stain their hands with the blood of four hezbollahis and some barefoot persons [as published] merely for the applause of their master hypocrite, and they should ask themselves why they fled to Paris if they were popular.

Those misguided ones say: Yes, we are still here and we have shattered the peace of the forest. And they announce to the United States that they have occupied the whole of the north. Very well, let them gather their leaders, big and small, and let them confront in a face-to-face encounter our youths from the north who will annihilate them completely.

With wishes for the speedy victory of the combatants of Islam against apostasy, world oppression, and the internal agents.

Tudeh Party Statement Decries 'Confessions Show'

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[Statement issued by Tudeh Party's External Committee]

[Text] Dear compatriots: Recently the Iranian Tudeh Party's External Committee issued a statement with regard to our homeland's developments. We now bring to the attention of the dear compatriots outstanding parts of this statement:

After referring to the illegal onslaught by the ruling apparatus of the Islamic Republic of Iran against the Iranian Tudeh Party, the launching of a violent psychological war — including threats, intimidation, and baseless accusations — and the use of medieval torture by the Islamic Government against the Iranian Tudeh Party and other dissenters, the statement says: Brzezinski's program, which forms the past and present policy of U.S. imperialism for destroying the Iranian Revolution, is being carried out intensely in our homeland. Sowing discord among the revolution's internal forces, pitting one against the other, straining Iran's relations with the friendly country and supporter of our revolution the Soviet Union, and depriving our country's revolution of this support constitute the content of this disgraceful plot by the foes of the Iranian Revolution. Onslaught against a party that has exerted all its effort and might in supporting and safeguarding our homeland's revolution, that has repeatedly exposed and neutralized the various plots of the U.S. imperialists and internal counterrevolution, and which through all the years of the revolution was an important and effective barrier to the implementation of these plots is the main part of this program.

After referring to the repetition and intensification of the "confessions" scenario by Iranian mass media and the foes of the Iranian Revolution abroad and the wide protest by progressive forces abroad to the trite stage-managements of the Islamic Government's punitive organ, the statement points out: What is being displayed today in the name of confession is nothing more than the reflection of the sound of whip lashes by the executioners of the revolution's foes on the bodies of the defenseless victims of the joint plot by imperialism and reaction.

The charge of the Iranian Tudeh Party's dependence on the Soviet Union, which has formed the basic content of all the confessions, has no aim other than depriving our homeland's revolution of its firm and main supporters, namely, the Iranian Tudeh Party within the country and the Soviet Union and all progressive forces abroad. Why should the arrest, interrogation, compilation of files, and preparation of the victims of this confessions plot take place in the executioners' torture chambers without the presence of an attorney or some other witness and observer other than the punitive elements? Why should Iran's ruling apparatus strongly prevent any sort of contact between the victims of this plot with the representatives of Iranian and world public opinion? The answers to these questions is clear, for otherwise the confessions plot could not have existed.

In the family of fraternal parties, the Iranian Tudeh Party, in accordance with its own experience and knowledge, implemented and continues to implement a clear policy for the sake of ensuring independence, freedom, and social justice in our country. This policy was and is determined by the party and in accordance with the interests of sovereignty and our country's national interests. The history of more than 40 years of struggle, in the presence of the people of Iran and the world, clearly shows the party's sincerity and devotion toward securing its national and popular goals. Imperialism and internal reaction, in order to eliminate the party of the working class, are projecting all this glorious struggle by the Iranian Tudeh Party in an adverse manner to justify their treacherous deed in suppressing the party.

The scandal of the torturers' deeds has reached such an extent that they are inducing their victims, under torture, to express gratitude for the most inhuman and barbarous treatment to which they have been subjected. Is this fascist act itself not enough to demonstrate the weight and credibility of this disgraceful show?

The statement by the Iranian Tudeh Party's External Committee then says: The Iranian Tudeh Party firmly declares that the confessions show and the attack against the Iranian Tudeh Party is a massive plot against the Iranian Revolution which was brought on the stage with the aid of imperialist agents and the political and class foes of the working class party. Here, imperialism is pursuing a policy of restoring Iran to its domination, at the Iranian domestic level, and aggravating a crusade, on the international level, against communism and the Soviet Union.

The Iranian Tudeh Party resolutely declares that the false charges against the party and its relations with fraternal parties is a distortion of the party's history under the lash and torture. The history of the Iranian Tudeh Party started with service to our homeland's independence and freedom and will continue in the service of our lofty national and patriotic goals. The Iranian Tudeh Party has given thousands of sacrifices and tolerated thousands of years of imprisonment on this path and will struggle firmly to carry out its lofty mission until the final victory of our homeland's and people's liberation revolution. Contrary to the claim and desire of our homeland's and nation's foes, the Iranian Tudeh Party is alive and is continuing its struggle.

These were the main, outstanding parts of the statement by the Iranian Tudeh Party's External Committee.

15 'Outlaws' Killed in Kordestan Province Clash

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[Text] Sanandaj, Sept 18 IRNA — Fifteen outlaws were killed and a great number of others wounded during a clash with patrol group of Islamic Revolution guards and gendarmerie forces in one of the villages of Marivan, in Kordestan Province Wednesday. A machine gun was also seized in this clash and the Islamic combatants returned to their bases safely.

Radio Iran Reports on Clashes in Arak

GF171834 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian 1330 GMT 17 Sep 83

[Text] According to reports sent by nationalist elements, during intense clashes between the hezbollahis and mercenaries of Khomeyni and the opposition to the Islamic Republic regime in Arak, five of Khomeyni's hezbollahis were killed outside the city's governor's office.

According to this report, a group of disgruntled people in Arak gathered in front of the governor's office to protest the shortage of essential goods and foodstuffs. They were then attacked by a group of hezbollahis and Khomeyni's mercenaries who intended to disperse the crowd. However, they were faced with the resistance of the people and a intense clash resulted. According to our information, as a result of the clash, five of the regime's mercenaries were killed by the blows dealt to them by the people.

Observers note that while the mercenary hezbollahis of the regime are trying to silence the cries of popular protest against shortages and injustices with their barbaric attacks, Mullah Hashemi-Rafsanjani claimed in Zabol that the philosophy of the Islamic Republic regime — contrary to the former regime — is to pay attention to shortages and the needs of the oppressed classes and regions and eliminate injustice when found in any part of the country!

Radio Iran Cites Plot Against Bazaaris

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[Text] The Islamic Republic intended to execute a number of well-known bazaaris in a treacherous plan to blame them for the high prices. However, the awareness of the Iranian bazaaris neutralized the plots. An Iranian bazaar merchant, who revealed this during an interview with the Liberation Front publication in Paris, accused Khomeyni of all the ills, hoarding, and high prices. He said there is no government in Iran. There is only one person who orders and rules all of Iran. That is Khomeyni. The mullahs are plundering and the people are taking it. A group of Khomeyni's cronies, under the title of representatives of unions, are controlling the entire economy of the country including construction material, meat, and sugar. For example, 20 million tumans per day earned by selling Bahman cigarettes in the open market is pocketed by the closest allies of Ruhollah Khomeyni.

Five Arrested Over Hashemi-Rafsanjani Recording
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1330 GMT 18 Sep 83

[Text] Three more individuals have been arrested in connection with the distribution of the recording of a telephone conversation between Hashemi-Rafsanjani and Asgar-Owladi, former commerce minister; Ahmad Tavakkoli, former labor minister; and an unidentified individual named Khalil. Two employees of Vanak Square telephone exchange and an employee of Sahebqaraniyeh had been arrested earlier.

In the recording of the phone conversation — distributed in Iran as a form of spilling the beans by the defunct Tudeh Party — Hashemi-Rafsanjani talks to an individual named Khalil concerning the inevitably imminent death of Khomeyni and asks him for full and complete support to ensure that he controls the reigns after Khomeyni's death. Khalil is one of the leaders of the hojjatiyeh faction in Iran.

On the other side of this cassette recording, there is a 12-minute conversation between Hashemi-Rafsanjani and the former minister of labor. Tavakkoli informs the Majlis speaker, who is clearly asking the hojjatiyeh faction for support, that the hojjatiyeh cannot sit idly while the communists are invading the country. He says: You are not aware of the conditions in the factories and the labor organizations and are not aware of the fire under the ashes. We are happy to have left the Cabinet since our hands are now more free for revenge and a settling of accounts with those who are committing treason against the country by hiding behind the imam.